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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the PTOL Notice under Rule 121, dated November 4, 2002, currently due on December 4, 2002, Applicants supplement the Response To First Office Action filed on October 15, 2002.

Both clean and marked-up versions of the paragraphs containing the amendments to the specification are included herewith. The clean version follows, and the marked-up version is attached in an Appendix.

**Clean Version of Specification Amendments:**

**1) Amendment to Page 6, line 25, in the paragraph beginning on line 23 and extending through line 32:**

As an alternative to using a thermistor, thermocouple, thermostat or other temperature sensor for temperature determination, the interior temperature of the vehicle can be monitored with the ultrasound sensor, e.g. as set forth in Ultrasound Transducer Temperature Compensation Method, Apparatus and Program case 24347-0041, USSN 09/325,242, filed June 3, 1999, now US Patent 6,314,380 B1, issued November 6, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. Where, for example, the vehicle is stopped at night and the temperature gradually declines over a period of time, the slow ping mode can be further reduced